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SUBJECT: MTN: BELGIAN INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES

REF: STATE 204944

1. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 5 REFTL, (A) BELGIUM DOES NOT RPT NOT GRANT DIRECT EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON AGRICULTURAL GOODS OUTSIDE OF FEOGA (EC) CONTEXT; (B) EMBASSY UNAWARE OF ANY MAJOR DOMESTIC INCENTIVES FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS OTHER THAN THOSE REPORTED IN BRUSSELS A-217 (10/3/74) AND THOSE OFFERED BY REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION PROGRAM, INFORMATION ON WHICH IS AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON.

2. CERTAIN NATIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAMS EXIST IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. THEY WILL COST A BUDGETED BF 500 MILLION IN 1975 (I.E. 9 PERCENT OF TOTAL AGRICULTURAL BUDGET). THESE PROGRAMS PROVIDE THREE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SUBSIDIES (NO BREAKDOWN AVAILABLE AS TO COST OF EACH):

A. TO PARTLY DEFRAID INCREASED COSTS OF FUEL-OIL,  
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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE GRANTS SUBSIDY OF

BF 0.30 PER LITER OR KILO OF OIL PURCHASED BY HORTICULTURISTS (PRODUCERS OF FRUITS, VEGETABLES, FLOWERS AND ORNAMENTAL PLANTS OPERATING IN GLASS-HOUSES). SAME SUBSIDY ALSO GRANTED TO FISHERMEN WHO RECEIVE BF 0.50 PER LITER ON KILO OF OIL PURCHASED.

B. SLAUGHTER PREMIUM OF BF 1,390 PER HEAD OF CATTLE GRANTED TO PRODUCERS.

C. AID TO FARMERS WHEN AT LEAST 40 PERCENT OF THEIR TOTAL OPERATED LANDS LOCATED IN SO-CALLED DISADVANTAGED REGIONS (HILLY FARMLAND). THIS AID CONSISTS OF PREMIUM OF BF 2,000 FOR EACH OF FIRST TEN HEAD OF CATTLE AND BF 1,500 FOR EACH OF THE NEXT TEN HEAD WITH MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AID OF BF 35,000 PER FARM.

3. SUBSIDIES LISTED ABOVE HAVE LITTLE, IF ANY, APPARENT RELATIONSHIP TO US-BELGIAN TRADE. BELGIUM GENERALLY EXPORTS UNDER HALF OF ITS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND OF THIS, ONLY US\$ 34 MILLION OR 1.2 PERCENT WENT TO U.S. IN 1974 (AS OPPOSED TO US\$ 2.2 BILLION OR 81 PERCENT TO OTHER EC COUNTRIES). U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO BELGIUM CENTERED ON SOYBEANS AND OTHER FEED GRAINS WHICH NOT AFFECTED BY THESE SUBSIDY PROGRAMS.

4. TEXTS OF APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT, ATTN: EB/ITP. FIRESTONE

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